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SUBJECT: USDEL TO PNG INDEPENDENCE

1. FYI ONLY. GOVERNOR ROBERT D. RAY OF IOWA HAS ACCEPTED PRESIDENT'S INVITATION TO LEAD US DELEGATION TO PNG INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS. ACCEPTANCE NOT YET RECEIVED FROM SECOND MEMBER OF DELEGATION. THIS INFORMATION SHOULD BE HELD UNTIL SECOND DELEGATION MEMBER KNOWN AND ANNOUNCEMENT MADE IN WASHINGTON.

2. FOLLOWING IS BRIEF BIO DATA ON GOVERNOR RAY:

INAUGURATED JANUARY, 1969

RE-ELECTED NOVEMBER, 1970, 1972, 1974

TERM WILL EXPIRE JANUARY 1979

ROBERT D. RAY, BORN IN DES MOINES, IOWA, SEPTEMBER 26, 1928.

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GRADUATE OF DRAKE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL; RECIPIENT OF NUMER-

OUS HONORARY DEGREES. MARRIED; THREE DAUGHTERS. ATTORNEY.  
SERVED IN 1ST CAVALRY OF US ARMY. PUBLIC OFFICES INCLUDE:  
REPUBLICAN STATE CHAIRMAN, 1963-67; GOVERNOR OF IOWA SINCE  
JANUARY 1969. PRESIDENT, ALPHA KAPPA PSI, OMICRON DELTA  
KAPPA; MEMBER, ALPHA ZETA; FORMER CHAIRMAN, MARCH OF DIMES  
OF IOWA; MEMBER, POLK COUNTY AND AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATIONS;

MEMBER, AMERICAN TRIAL LAWYERS AND IOWA ACADEMY OF TRIAL  
LAWYERS; MEMBER, ADVISORY COMMISSION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
RELATIONS. HONORARY ADVISOR, NATIONAL BOY SCOUT COUNCIL.  
RECIPIENT, NATIONAL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD, FUTURE  
FARMERS OF AMERICA; DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD, DRAKE  
UNIVERSITY; ORDER OF THE COIF, DRAKE UNIVERSITY LAW  
SCHOOL. MEMBER, NATIONAL GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE, 1970-71, 1974-75. VICE CHAIRMAN, MIDWESTERN  
GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE, 1971-72; CHAIRMAN, 1972-73.  
DISCIPLES OF CHRIST. REPUBLICAN. WIFE - BILLIE LEE RAY.

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